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1. FOLLOWING COMMENTS ADDRESSED TO PATTERSON TEXT AS

REPORTED IN REFS (C) AND (D).

2. CONCERNING PARA 2 REF (C) WE CONCUR IN ABSOLUTE NECES-
SITY ESTABLISHING CLEARLY IDENTIFIABLE LINKAGE BETWEEN
AGRICULTURE AND NTM AND TARIFFS GROUPS. YOU SHOULD REMIND
EC QUOTE JOINT MEETING UNQUOTE CONCEPT FIRST PROPOSED BY
JACQUOT IN CONVERSATIONS WITH KOENIG PRIOR TO WASHINGTON
MEETINGS AND ALSO USED BY RABOT DURING SEPTEMBER 15 DISCUS-
SIONS AT STR. WE FIND PARTICULARLY OBJECTIONABLE EC CON-
CEPT REPORTED IN PARA 5 OF REF (F) THAT ANY MULTILATERAL
SOLUTIONS COMMUNICATED TO OTHER GROUPS BY AGRICULTURE
GROUP OR BY COMMODITY SUBGROUPS CANNOT BE CHANGED. THIS
WOULD CONFER ON AGRICULTURE GROUP ABSOLUTE AUTONOMY, IMPAIR
MANDATE OF OTHER GROUPS AND WOULD MEAN AGRICULTURE GROUP
MORE THAN EQUAL TO OTHER GROUPS INSTEAD OF HAVING EQUALITY
AS EC HAS BEEN INSISTING. WE PROPOSE DELEGATION CONSIDER
TOUGHENING U.S. POSITION ON THIS ISSUE UTILIZING INSTRUC-
TIONS IN PARAGRAPH 6 OF REF (A) IF CONCEPT OF JOINT MEET-
INGS REMAINS UNACCEPTABLE TO EC, HOWEVER, YOU MAY MODIFY
FIRST SENTENCE PARA 6 R:F (A) BY OFFERING ADDITIONAL
POSSIBILITIES ALONG LINES STATING THAT WE WOULD EXPECT
TARIFF OR NON-TARIFF MEASURES GROUPS OR SUBGROUPS WHEN
ENTERING INTO A DISCUSSION OF TOPICS DEALING WITH AGRI-
CULTURAL PRODUCTS, TO AUTOMATICALLY INVITE AGRICULTURE
GROUP TO MEET WITH THEM IN ORDER TO ARRIVE AT HARMONIOUS
AND BALANCED DEVELOPMENT OF ALL THE ELEMENTS SUBJECT TO
NEGOTIATION. CONVERSELY, IF AGRICULTURE GROUP OR ITS
SUBGROUPS INITIATE DISCUSSION ON TOPICS HAVING AN IMPACT
ON WORK OF OTHER GROUPS ON GENERAL SOLUTIONS IT WOULD
AUTOMATICALLY INVITE THE OTHER GROUPS TO MEET WITH THEM
FOR THE SAME PURPOSE OUTLINED IN PREVIOUS SENTENCE. WE
BELIEVE ALSO THAT IT MUST ALSO BE MADE CLEAR IN TEXT
THAT RESORT TO TNC SHOULD ONLY BE AFTER ALL OTHER POSSIBLE
AVENUES OF RESOLVING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GROUPS HAVE BEEN
EXHAUSTED.

3. RE PARA 3 OF REF (C) WE BELIEVE THAT EVEN WITH INCOR-
PORATION OF PARA 2 OF MTN/AG/1 IN CHAPEAU OF TEXT,
LANGUAGE SUCH AS QUOTE TAKE INTO ACCOUNT UNQUOTE AND
QUOTE FOR INCORPORATION INTO UNQUOTE OR SIMILAR LANGUAGE
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NECESSARY NOT ONLY IN CONNECTION WITH TARIFF ASPECT OF
WORK PROGRAM BUT ALSO ON ALL OTHER QUOTE RESULTS OF WORK
UNQUOTE IN GROUP AGRICULTURE AND ITS SUBGROUPS COMMUNI-
CATED TO OTHER GROUPS. THIS ESSENTIAL TO GIVE SUBSTANCE
AND MEANING TO QUOTE IN CONJUNCTION WITH UNQUOTE LANGUAGE
IN MTN/AG/1. IT WOULD APPEAR EC CONCERN REPORTED IN
PARA 4 OF REF (C) ON QUOTE TAKING INTO ACCOUNT UNQUOTE
LANGUAGE IS NOT VALID AS EC WILL HAVE EVERY OPPORTUNITY

IN CONSIDERATION OF TARIFF FORMULAE BY AGRICULTURE GROUP
TO PROTECT THEIR POSITION.

4. FOLLOWING ARE COMMENTS ON PATTERSON TEXT AS REPORTED
REF (C) AND (D):

A. CHAPEAU SENTENCE AND IN CORPORATION OF PARA 2
OF MTN/AG/1 ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO OUR ACCEPTANCE OF BODY
OF TEXT.

B. IN FIRST PARA UNDER OTHER PRODUCTS WE ASSUME THAT
IF SEPARATE PROCEDURE IS AGREED ON QR'S LANGUAGE QUOTE
ALL RELEVANT BARRIERS UNQUOTE WILL BE MODIFIED TO REFLECT
THIS. WE SHOULD INSURE THAT THE TEXT CLARIFY THAT WORK
ON TARIFFS AND STANDARDS TO B: DONE BY AGRICULTURE GROUP
WILL COVER NOT ONLY "OTHER PRODUCTS", BUT ALSO MEAT,
GRAINS, AND DAIRY. THIS NOT NOW CLEAR IN TEXT.

C. IN LAST SENTENCE OF PARA BEGINNING QUOTE BASED ON
COUNTRY NOTIFICATION UNQUOTE WE BELIEVE LANGUAGE QUOTE
APPROPRIATE ASPECTS OF ANY PROGRESS UNQUOTE GA DANGEROUS
AND SUBJECT TO MUCH MISINTERPRETATION IN FUTURE. FOR
EXAMPLE, THIS COULD BE INTERPR:TED TO MEAN REPORTS ON
RESULTS OF WORK IN AGRICULTURE WOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO
OTHER GROUPS ONLY REPEAT ONLY WHEN COMPLETE AGREEMENT
REACHED IN AGRICULTURE. THIS LANGUAGE SHOULD BE CHANGED
TO READ ALONG LINES QUOTE IN ANY EVENT RESULTS OF WORK ON
AHY MULTILATERAL SOLUTIONS AS WELL AS ANY OTHER SOLUTIONS
WOULD BE COMMUNICATED, ETC. UNQUOTE.

D. COMMENTS IN PARA 3 ABOVE APPLY TO PARA OF TEXT
BEGINNING QUOTE ATTEMPTS WOULD BE MADE UNQUOTE. WE ALSO
SUGGEST SUBSTITUTING FOR QUOTE AN ATTEMPT WOULD BE MADE
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AS NEEDED UNQUOTE WORDS SIMILAR TO FOLLOWING QUOTE EVERY
EFFORT WOULD BE MADE IN THE MOST APPROPRIATE WAY TO WORK
THEM OUT JOINTLY UNQUOTE.

E. COMMENTS IN PARA 3 ABOVE APPLY TO SECTION UNDER
HEADING TARIFFS IN REF (C); LANGUAGE IN PATTERSON DRAFT
IS ACCEPTABLE WITH REMOVAL OF BRACKETS.

F. UNDER TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE IN REF (C) WE
BELIEVE SENTENCE EC PROPOSES TO ADD AS REPORTED IN REF
(D) IS CLEARLY INTENDED TO ESTABLISH A CODE FOR AGRICUL-
TURAL SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES WHICH WOULD BE
INDEPENDENT OF THE GENERAL STANARDS CODE. UNDER NO
CIRCUMSTANCES CAN WE ACCEPT THIS AS IT WOULD IN ALL
LIKELIHOOD AROUSE THE IMPLACABLE OPPOSITION OF USDA

REGULATORY AGENCIES WHO ALREADY HAVE GRAVE MISGIVINGS
ABOUT ANY INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS CODE.

5. RE PARA 4 OF REF (G) WE CONCUR IN YOUR DRAFT QR PRO-
CEDURE.

6. RE PARA 6 REF (G) W: AGREE WITH PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE
U.S. QR PROCEDURE AS PART OF WORK PROGRAM FOR MEAT SUB-
GROUP.

7. IF AGREEMENT CANNOT BE REACHED WITH EC (AND IN
PLENARY) ON QR TEXT AND IT REMAINS THE ONLY OUTSTANDING
ISSUE, MTN DEL SHOULD WITHHOLD U.S. AGREEMENT TO OTHER
PARTS OF PROPOSED AGRICULTURE WORK PROGRAM, PENDING
FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS. IN DOING SO, HE SHOULD AVOID TAK-
ING A POSITION THAT WOULD LEAD TO AN IMPASSE IN THE MTN
AS A WHOLE OR THAT WOULD PLACE THE U.S. IN A POSITION
WHERE IT COULD BE BLAMED FOR A HALT IN THE WORK PROGRAM
OF THE AGRICULTURE GROUP.

8. HE MAY, IN HIS DISCRETION, ATTEMPT A SOLUTION THAT
WOULD ALLOW THE AGRICUTDLTURE GROUP TO CONTINUE WITH THE
WORK OF CONCERN TO LDC'S, THEREBY GARNERING THE SUPPORT
OF THE LDC'S FOR THE U.S. AND LEADING THEM TO EXERT PRES-
SURE ON THE EC TO COMPROMISE. THIS MIGHT BERD ACCOMPLISHED
BY PROPOSING NOTIFICATION AND CONSULTATION PROCEDURE FOR
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TRADE BARRIERS OF SPECIAL INTERST TO LDC'S AS MENTIONED
IN END OF PARA 15 REF (A).

9. IF AGREEMENT CAN NOT BE REACHED, AND THE EC WILL NOT
ACCEPT A REASONABLE COMPROMISE, DEL SHOULD INFORM THE
PLENARY THAT HE MUST SEEK FURTHER INSTRUCTION FROM
WASHINGTON.

10. FOR YOUR INFORMATION;

UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WE ANTICIPATE DEVELOPING
NEUTRAL BUT VAGUE FORMULATION PROTECTING BASIC U.S. POSI-

TION WHILE ALLOWING WORK OF MTN TO PROCEED AND LEAVING
OPEN PROSPECT FOR FURTHER EFFORTS TO SETTLE U.S. - EC
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